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RAILROAD PLANS.

Various reports have been circulated recently concerning proposed changes and new departures on the part of the railroads, but all were more or less unfounded. The first authentic information on this subject appears in this issue of THE GUARDIAN in the shape of an authorized announcement by Col. Epes Randolph, stating that the Southern Pacific has taken control of the Phoenix & Eastern. This road was built to connect the northern and southern branches of the Santa Fe and the latter road and the Southern Pacific have evidently entered into an amicable agreement concerning this portion of Arizona. The Southern Pacific now has entire control of the Gila Valley field. The two roads have fought for the right of way through the box canyon near San Carlos in the territorial courts during two years, and the matter was then carried to the Interior Department. The Southern Pacific originally purchased the right of way at the head of the Gila valley some years ago, securing all available land in the narrow canyon, thus shutting out the Santa Fe. Now the trouble has been "settled out of court."

Just what the change of ownership will mean for this valley is not yet fully apparent, but there is little room for doubt that it will result in the diversion of through traffic to the Gila route. The Southern Pacific will build a short cut from Maricopa to Florence and another short cut from Solomonville to Guthrie. This would make, as near as the formation of the country would allow, an air line from Maricopa to Deming. By using this line the Southern Pacific would cut out many miles on its through route in a barren country. That such seems to be the intention of the railroad is evidenced by the fact that no expense has been spared to make a perfect road between San Carlos and Solomonville. In the San Carlos canyon alone the sum of

\$600,000 has been spent to insure safety and stability.

Thus it is only a question of a little time until the through traffic of the Southern Pacific, with its dozens of trains daily, will be moving via the Gila valley. The travelers to and fro will have an opportunity to see this glorious section of Arizona. They will miss the desert and instead thereof will pass through a fertile valley where grain, vegetables, fruit, shrubbery, flowers and all green and beneficial plants grow and yield with an abundance and a beauty that California might well envy. One view of the Gila valley, from Solomonville to Pima, is worth a thousand miles of desert sand. Arizona would lose the name of being dry and parched, as the through southern route would pierce mainly a green and favored strip.

Furthermore, the tourists would be brought closer to the various mining camps of this region. They would have a better opportunity to gain the knowledge that the mining districts within a radius of a few hundred miles are turning out millions of dollars' worth of metal annually. Many of them would stop off and investigate the mines, the prospects, the facilities for growing fruit and other products which cultivate small tracts at large profit. Thus an era of vast development would be inaugurated.

THE GUARDIAN's forthcoming Souvenir Edition is now fairly under way and will be one of the finest papers ever printed in the country. It will have an illuminated cover and be filled with illustrations from beginning to end. All the towns of the valley, the mercantile, mining, milling, agricultural, fruit growing, dairying and all other industrial and commercial interests of this rich region will receive complete and careful attention in its columns. The educational and religious interests of the valley will be described fully and fairly and all articles will be prepared by special writers fully versed on the various subjects. We have met with a generous and hearty patronage for the edition so far through the valley, and the success of the issue

is already insured far beyond all reasonable expectations. Every business man who is not already represented in the Souvenir Edition should hasten to have his name enrolled, as none can afford to miss such a splendid opportunity to be widely advertised.

As showing the enormous market in this region for farm products, it is authoritatively stated that Clifton and Morenci consume \$10,000 worth of eggs and two and a half tons of butter per month. Globe probably uses half as much. The farmers of this valley can sextuple their yield of these products and still find ready sale at high prices for every pound of butter and every dozen of ovate bivalves.

A NUMBER of papers throughout the United States are trying to find out who is the most beautiful woman in the country. If they would come here they would find many of them in the Gila valley.

Bulletin 74, "Statistics of Forest Products of the United States: 1905," by R. S. Kellogg and H. M. Hale, can now be obtained. A discussion of the lumber cut forms the chief part of the bulletin. Statistics on the production of cross-ties, tight cooperage stock, pulpwood, mine timbers, tanbark, veneer, wood used for distillation, and the production of lath and shingles are also included. This is the first detailed report on wood products of the United States ever published. Accurate knowledge of the annual drain upon our forest is highly important for lumbermen, timber land owners, and the general public. This bulletin is obtainable only by purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. Remittances should be sent directly to him and must be by money order (stamps not accepted), or by coin at the remitter's risk. Money order should be made payable to "Superintendent of Documents," who is the only Government official authorized to sell the publications of the Forest Service. Remittances to the order of the Forester must be returned to the sender. The price of the bulletin is 15 cents.

The government has done away with the special delivery stamp and in the future in order to avail themselves of special delivery privileges people have only to add ten cents in regular postage to a letter or parcel and write the word "Special" on the address. This will prove a great convenience to those who want special delivery stamps at hours when the nearest post office is not open.

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Sale Begins Saturday, April 27
and Closes Wednesday, May 1st.

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